Mr. Craig Says Commissioner Caused Delays Costing City Many Millions.

\$600,000 Damages Instead of \$10,000.

regard to the claim for damages pending before him by the International sioner, charged the Comptroller was right side of his back. about to settle for approximately \$500,000, although, in the opinion of the Service Board officials, the damages will not exceed \$10,000

Mr. Craig puts the blame for delay in rapid transit construction on Comissioner Whitney, and the Commissioner issued a statement in which he put the blame upon Mr. Craig.

The Comptroller condemned the commission's policy in the cancellation of uncompleted contracts and charged that the real purpose of the Lockwood hw, which permits the cancellation of existing contracts and the making of new ones for completion of the work on a cost basis, was to prevent any disclosure being made of the liabilities he charges the Public Service Commission has imposed on the city by neg Mr. Craig's statement in part fol-

"Cost City Many Millions."

"Upon Commissioner Whitney more than any other living person rests the responsibility for this condition of affairs. If the Public Service Commission had promptly proceeded with the plans and contracts there appears no reason why the dual subway system should not have been completed on January 1, 1917. This delay has reited enormously to the benefit of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company tains no return whatever.

The form of contract for construcon subjects the contractors to a enalty of from \$300 to \$600 per day the Public Service Commission in preparation and delivery of plans ndered it impossible for contractors nder such penalties to finish their within the contract periods, hich expired before the entry of the nited States into the war.

"Early this year Commissioner Thitney and his associates drafted and rocured the passage of what is known the "Lockwood law." It was not law was disclosed. That purpose, in ever being made as to the liabilities that Commissioner Whitney and his ciates have imposed upon the city of New York by their delays and neg-

"Under the Whitney scheme for the wholesale cancellation of subway construction contracts no disclosure of the delays and neglect of the Public vice Commission would have been

commission stalled and delayed. Into obscure the facts by verbose assertions of non-liability. The Public Service Commission obtained an adjournment of the proceeding before the Comptroller and on October 24, 1918. gave the Comptroller a written assurance that the evidence would be produced one week from that date, namely

January 20 next," Commissioner Whit- thropic Societies; Jacob Billikopf, ex-

troller means that the completion will proceedings. be delayed and that operation must be

## CLOTHES!

Compared with 1914 clothes are much higher. Then economy was incidental; to-day im-portant. The war is over, not our cost, nor the world's cost, of which we must bear a share Waste in a sense is disloyal; use things to the irreparable end things to the irreparable end.
A growing surplus will reduce prices; buy for need only. You will find my announcements correct when you visit my shop. Here are clothes very well made and reasonably priced, for I make my ready made clothes, saving you \$5 to \$7. G. N. VINCENT, 524-526 6th Ave., near 31st St.

# COMPTROLLER SAYS Charles St. Robbers Escape in ALARMS THOUSANDS

ce of Alexander Reid & Co., en gincers and boilermakers, 165 Charles street, shot the bookkeeper and then escaped with between \$1,400 and \$2,000, the weekly payroll. The rob-HUGE SETTLEMENT NEAR bery took place within a block of the ONLY SHORING IS BURNED APPEAL TO LEGISLATURE Charles street police station and the andits got away in an automobile Contractors Expect to Collect truck which they had left standing Four Alarms Bring Much Ap-

two doors away.

The office is on the second floor of the two story brick building. Douglas Brash of 56 Eleventh street, Hoboker the bookkeeper, was making up the pay envelopes when the trio entered. Comptroller Charles L. Craig issued "Where's the dough?" asked one hold-his promised statement yesterday in up man, leveling his revolver at Brash, who reached toward a desk face-was crippled just after 6 o'clock drawer where he too had a weapon. Two last evening, when the smoklest fire shots were fired rapidly and the book- that has occurred in the borough in Construction Company which Travis, keeper staggered back with one bullet years started to burn sixty feet under

> bers had backed into a corner Thomas connection of the new Eastern Park-Cochran of 53 West Sixty-third street | way subway, which is nearly ready for and Joseph McHammond, clerks. The use man who had fired at Brash snatched | The exact cause of the fire is no up the two tin boxes containing the known, but because of the potential bills and the three clattered down the danger arising from its peculiar locastairs, stuffing the money into their tion Acting Fire Chief Martin took no Leach, acting Commissioner pockets. Jumping into the automobile chances and turned in four alarms truck, they drove off east on Charles | A myriad of hose lines were stretched

## **VEST BUTTON SAVES** CLERK FROM DEATH

Attache of the Italian Consulate.

His lowest waistcoat button and the buckle of his belt, in deflecting a revolver bullet fired downward at such Eastern Parkway bore, which runs close range that the powder scorched through coat, probably saved Orazio Rico, a the Fourth avenue subway, which is clerk at the Italian consulate, yesterand costs the city of New York many day from a death as hideous as haraillions of dollars for which it ob- kiri must be. Rico escaped with a the Atlantic avenue terminal of the alight black and blue mark due to Long Island Railroad, a block away the bullet's impact.

Rico went to the Beach street po r delay in completion of their work lice station and made a complaint yond the contract period. Delays against the man who had done the shooting. This was an Italian laborer known to the police as Antonio Toffi, 39, and at the consulate as Antonio Tobbi of 620 East 188th street, The Bronx.

Toffi was released last summe from the Blackwell's Island penitentiary after doing thirty months for violation of the Sullivan law. A year before that, according to Capt. until recently that the purpose of this Arthur Carey, Toffi had been arrested and indicted in connection with the death of Fannie Garacci of 510 East Thirteenth street. The woman's body. with a rope around the neck, was found in the East River. The indictment against Toffi was dismissed for lack of evidence.

Released, he sought his Consul and demanded the punishment of conspirators who, he said, had hounded him to jail. When Commandatore Tritoni declined to oblige him he included the consulate staff among his enemies. He was turned over to a consulate com-

Comptroller is one of the Interconti-nental Construction Corporation. The professed himself ready in gratitude sands of passengers were held up from John K. kiss the floor beneath the doctor's sands also were timid about entering partment. The men ask that action he is the floor beneath the doctor's sands also were timid about entering he taken upon their recommendations stead of furnishing facts it attempted feet. At 19 o'clock yesterday morning either the Interborough or the Fourth as a whole. he returned and pulled a .32 buildog avenue subway, and this added to the revolver on Dr. Molossi.

Rico, the clerk, and Miss Irene Ma- enough smoke in either of those to lugant, a stenographer, were in the office and Toffi threatened all three. When Rico tried to distract his attention he fired. The bullet was found the planking in Hanson place and Commerce Chamber Commitlater, flattened, on the floor. Dr. Mo-lossi jumped clear of his desk and, direction. After that the blaze was

mittees, which, together with the American Relief Committee, have raised the funds thus far contributed through the Joint Distribution Committee to the relief of the Jews in

the war zones. to aid the drive was made in a sermon vent avenue. The Bronx, his physical by Dr. M. H. Harris in the Temple cian, said he expected Mr. O'Neill plained that commissions had been named to study the situation in Poland, the Balkans nad in Russia and draw up plans for reconstruction.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill stepped from made up of natives of Delaware county made up of natives of Delaware county may things on the morning of Department of the but slight end and draw up plans for reconstruction.

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# CLERK; STEAL \$2,000 SMOKY SUBWAY FIRE POLICE SEEK RELIEF IN CHANGED LAWS

Three men entered yesterday the of- Blaze 60 Feet Underground in Uniformed Force Will Ask for Brooklyn's Busiest Traffic Centre. Other Security

paratus to Hanson Place in Rush Hour.

The centre of Brooklyn's transit system-subway, elevated and sur-Whitney, Public Service Commis- in his right arm and another in the the surface of Hanson place, at the corner of St. Felix street. The fire In the meantime the two other rob- was at the base of the Ashland place

> down into the tunnel and within an hour the blaze was extinguished.

Police Sergeant John J. Reld of the Bergen street station saw a tiny tongue of flame eating its way up be ween the planks in the temporary roadway above the subway excavation alongside the Hanson Place Methodist Episcopal Church, which is at St Felix street. As the policeman started o see where the fire came from there Crazed Man Attempts to Shoot was a mild explosion, which the fire-men said afterward they thought was merely the bursting of some small paint or oil pots in the excavation.

Smoke Fills Other Subways. The flames, however, leaped up toward the church structure and the smoke poured along through the Ashland place tunnel toward the unused Flatbush avenue two blocks in use and in which traffic was at or demote as was seen fit. rush hour height when the fire ocand from there down into the Atlantic avenue station of the Interborough subway, which ends there, and be-neath which the Fourth avenue sub-

Only a block away in other direc tions from the scene of the fire are the Brooklyn Academy of Music and the Christian Association. The smoke

for a time caused excitement. Most of the construction work in the Ashland place connection has been power to increase or lower them. completed, so that the timber shoring in which the fire was located mainly was out of use and only awaiting re-

Blaze Quickly Controlled.

The roof of the subway structure at the track bed twenty feet further down. The firemen experienced some trouble and a little delay working their pass upon the recommendations, is was quickly put out once they suc-

difficulty, although there was no

cause any real trouble. Danger to the church was eliminated COOPERATION URGED as soon as the firemen chopped away direction. After that the blaze was kept underground. The smoke

Israel, Harlem, yesterday. He ex. might be about again to-day.

plained that commissions had been. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill stepped from the billions of dollars of Louis Mandel of 1330 Fifth avenue. The speakers were Lieut. Baron Ray. cluded among the Christmas decoraindemnity to be collected from the Central Powers will go to the Jews," Dr. a taxicab with lacerations of his Blue Devils, who wears the Croix de and therefore have had thousands of However, he shall not be scolded

# THE WEATHER.

Stations.

LOCAL WEATHER RECORDS.

19 A. M. 24 20 6 P. M. 12 M. 31 29 9 P. M. 18 P. M. 36 33 12 Mid.

Highest temperature, 49, at 8:45 P. M. Lowest temperature, 21, at 3:45 A. M. Average temperature, 30.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC

Standard Time

Moon sets ... P 40 P M

Hook 10 29 A M Gov Island 10:34 AM Hell Gate 12:27 A M

Hook 4 24 A M Gov. Island 4:47 A M Hell Gate 6 28 A M

HIGH WATER THIS DAY

LOW WATER THIS DAY.

ARRIVALS SATURDAY DEC. 7

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Gulflight, Rouen, Nov. 18.
Masaba, (returned to port.),
Nanaemond, St. Nazaire, Nov. 21.
Olidoan, La Pallice, Nov. 21.
Olidoan, La Pallice, Nov. 25.
Maryante, Cristobal, Nov. 26.
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Mina Bres, Halifax, Dec. 4.
City of Atlanta, New Orleans, Dec. 1.
El Norte, Galveston, Nov. 30.
F. J. Luckenbach returned to port.),
Macochee, Savannah, Dec. 3.
Machawk, Jacksonville, Dec. 4.
William P. Palmer, New Orleans, Nov. 2.

ARRIVED FROM NEW YORK.

SAILED FOR NEW YORK

Frednes, from Boston.
South Pole, from Baltimore.
City of St. Louis, from Savannab.
El Valle, from Galveston.
Huren, from Charleston.

EVENTS TO-DAY.

Lake Lida, at Baiti

For Eastern New York-Partly cloudy and warmer to-day; to-morrow partly cloudy; moderate to southwest Permanency in Rank and Western New York-Partly cloudy to-day and to-morrow, warmer to-day in east

Mandatory Pensions for Dependents and 25 Years Ser-

washington, Dec. 7.—A disturbance over the middle plateau is attended by general rains and snows in Nevada, Utah and Arizona and rain in western Colorado and southern California. Over the remainder of the country the weather was mainder force in a series of recommendations which have been submitted to the legislative committee of the department. Permanency of rank

Washington, Dec. 7.—A disturbance over the middle plateau is attended by general rains and snows in Nevada, Utah and Arizona and rain in Newsern Colorado and southern California. Over the remainder of the country the weather was mainder of the country the weather was mainde the department. Permanency of rank and withdrawal from the Police Commissioner and Mayor of the power to remove policemen of any grade is one of the things demanded, according to a synopsis of the proposed changes made public yesterday by John A.

Civil service examinations for all grades, retirement on a pension after Buffale twenty-five years of service, the abolition of the indefinite suspension law, the continuation of pay during sickness or other necessary absence, and that pensions to widows, orphans and dependents be made mandatory are Helens. dependents be made mandatory are other revisions sought

After the committee has passed upon the recommendations they will be submitted to Commissioner Enright, and should be approve it is expected they will be presented to the forthcoming session of the Legislature,

Twenty-four Inspectors Affected. Should the effort to make all ranks permanent be successful twenty-four police inspectors would be affected. Prior to 1907 their jobs were secure but when Commissioner Bingham took office he had the Legislature revise the existing law so that the Commissioner a spot as big as a saucer on the waist- away and in the opposite direction into and Mayor could pass upon the competency of an inspector and promote

If the changes desired are enacted into law 150 patrolmen who are acting as first grade detectives with salaries of \$2,250 a year (the pay of a police lieutenant) will be insured a continuance of their present income. Under the existing conditions not only must a man have served twenty-

five years before he is entitled to retirement on a pension, but he also must have reached the age of 55 years. Central Branch of the Young Men's ty-five year term of service alone poured into those buildings also, and ries in the department be put on a requisite. It is also asked that all salapermanent basis and that the Board of Estimate be shorn of its present

Immediate action in cases where men are suspended from the force beause of alleged misconduct is asked Under the present law long periods the spot where the fire started is suspension is in force, and the policeforty feet below the street level, and man has no redress until his superiors choose to move in his case,

made up of acting Commissioner Leach as chairman, Col. Augustus D. consulate staff among his enemies. He was turned over to a consulate commissioner, Dr. Umberto Molossi.

The hose lines were stretched across right and a special Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Umberto Molossi.

The man called Friday morning and many surface car lines pass, and thousands of passengers were held up from sands of passengers were held up from Goff, Jr., Deputy Commission of the de-John K. Rogers, chief clerk of the de-partment. The men ask that action he taken upon their recommendations as a whole.

Sa. Arapahoe, at Jacksonville. Sa. Chippewa. at Port Eads Sa. Bellia, at Norfolk. Sa. Grasfase, at Norfolk. Sa. Snug Harbor, at Norfolk.

# WORLD ECONOMIC

tee Would End Friction.

James O'Neill, the actor who won Commerce of the United States of fame as Edmond Dantes in "The America call immediately an interna-Count of Monte Cristo," was in bed tional convention on the order of a in his apartments at the Prince similar convention held in Paris in George Hotel yesterday as a result of 1914, thus enabling the world's workhaving been struck by an automobile, ers in economic problems to thresh out An appeal to the New York public Dr. William F. Donovan, of 400 Con- the troubles confronting the opposing

### Delaware Society Holds Luncheon. be hung in windows throughout the

The Delaware Society of New York, land among the green and red Christ- but slight encouragements to dare Harris said, "and whatever is done will be a service voluntary and through private benevolence."

Harris said, "and whatever is done ovan said his hurts were not as serious following the flags made to present to those this time, and the flags made to present to those who answer "Here!" when the roll is pretty successful. They are much county folk in and about New York.

# The Sun Calendar WATER COLOR VIEW CHARMS BY QUALITY

Work of Mrs. Sherwood Is Refined With "Mother and Baby" as Best.

Galleries.

### By HENRY MeBRIDE.

The water colors of Rosina Emmet Sherwood, now on view in the Cosmopolitan Club's Gallery, provide immediately the question bobs up, like these in the official exhibitions?" For they are clever, in good taste and quite the sort of things that nice

it must be confessed, show a strange pay their rent is always one of my soul who lived and flourished back in Bellows. the days when the annual water color exhibition was one of the events of the season bequeathed them enough gilt-edged five per cents to live on. that found it difficult to work to effect That must be it. Still that's no rea-Barometer
Humidity
Wind—direction N.W. 8.W.
Wind—direction N.W. 12
Wind—Velocity 12
Weather Cloudy Cloudy
Precipitation None None
The temperature in this city yesterday,
as recorded by the official thermometer, is
an except to be annexed table: they didn't have to earn their livings. Rockefeller and President Wilson, and colors as though in oils. Mrs. Sherwood, at least, does not do that Of her fifty or so examples, two or

Distinctly the most successful is a asieep in a huge four-poster bed. a group of two artists sketching in a The textures are luckily arrived at mountainous landscape. The crafts-throughout, and the various woolens manship is clever, but the impression and silks, the still lifes and the wellwashed baby's skin are equally suc- scene painting compared with his cessful. Another nice water color is superb water colors of former years. library. Although it is well drawn Rackham's charming, &c." and colored, it has something of the charm of an amateur's drawing, for, strangely enough, water colors by of Art, four orchestra concerts under amateurs are often more pleasing than the direction of David Mannes, will be works by pretentious professionals. given in the Fifth avenue hall of the Who would not prefer Edmond de museum on Saturday evenings, begin-Goncourt's halting but intensely sist of fifty-two performers selected with his pet cocked aloft upon the family mantelpiece, to any academically correct portrait by any master that might be mentioned?

work, already referred to, is refined, evening the entire museum will be but without much depth. The people who sat for portraits were all carefully nurtured, decent people-the kind we like to call, and possibly are. our best-young girls sitting upon green garden seats; old ladies in brand new formal gardens; a young aking hay; a young Scotchman over here thay; a young Scotchman over here of a mission, sitting in his kilties museum members and members of upon some garden rocks for his portrait to be took. What is to be said feel such themes seriously?

Of course I am not such a Bolshevik as to suppose that a maiden Charles F. W. Mielatz shows fift valeted gentleman cannot be spiritual. I know by this time that, all

and children, but unlike the former mothers was enough. In consequence, French peasant women under her It is perhaps unfair to say that Mrs. Sherwood's water colors are nice and then to fret because they are no Anybody who answers to the strictly fair. It is now too late to "Christmas roll call" of the American push or goad Mrs. Sherwood into the Red Cross will receive what is called depths, but criticisms are not so often

> The irrepressible Mr. Childe Hassam is at it again with an exhibition of much better as lithographs than Mr.

ways a few hardy spirits who need

Hassam's etchings are as etchings. The latter I have not particularly admired as I have felt that for every true etching stroke in them there were forty strokes that were not true, and one in forty is not a convincing proposition to me. Then, too, Mr Hassam's weaknesses of draughts-manship were a little too glaring in the etchings—chairs and tables were too thin, and badly constructed, and

loors would not open, etc. But in the lithographs there are Baby" as Best.

But in the lithographs there are no such objections to be made. The medium suits Mr. Hassam very well, and he is able to make his "swift notations," to use Mr. Gallatin's phrase, in a fashion most comfortable winds, becoming south and southwest winds, becoming south and southwest winds becoming south.

New Jersey—Partly cloudy to-day and winds, becoming south.

New Jersey—Partly cloudy to-day and to-morrow; warmer to-day; moderate southwest winds.

Pretty Successful Efforts Are on Exhibition at Keppel One does not learn drawing over night. It is simply that there are ways to evade drawing, particularly in impressionistic work, and Mr. Hassam has availed himself of them.

The lithograph of the "Avenue of the Allies" is one of the best flag pictures of the many that Mr. Hasmopolitan Club's Gailery, provide sam has shown us. It is abbreviated agreeable, if light, entertainment, but the essentials of the scene are Some of them are so well done that there, and there is the stir of feeling in it. Also the spotting of the crowds of people is excellent. I can't recall Why were they not shown in the one of Mr. Hassam's street scenes in Water Color Club's show?" or at least, which the people have been spotted Why do not they have water colors in so happily. A sketch of New York skyscrapers is also an example of good spotting. The skyscrapers are lonely like towers sticking up from a plain, but they are well spaced on people like to stick around in odd the white paper. "Norman's Woe corners of the house; and nice people, is a glimpse of rolling hills, that take pleasant lines, and "Deshabille" is a it must be confessed, show a strange lady lolling in a chintz-covered chair, hesitancy to stick things from the both the lady and the chair being official water color shows apywhere, drawn in such a way that they can How the water color societies live and be accepted as well drawn. In almost all of the lithographs the artist's touch is pleasantly lithographic. I pet mysteries. I often wake up in should also be recorded as decidedly the middle of the night and worry in his favor that he clings as about them. But possibly they are lithographer rather to the Whistler endowed. Possibly some dear, good effected by Mr. Pennell and Mr.

It may be that John Singer Sargent to be numbered among the painters during war times. Certainly the praise was not unanimous for the portrait son why, the moment they found out he showed here last winter of John D. they should all promptly paint water now that he has returned to the land of his adoption, England, his first bid for applause meets with chilling re sponse

three are much above her own level. Royal Society of Painters in Water Distinctly the most successful is a Colors, a London critic has this to "After what seems a long ab-"Mother and Baby" lying happily stention, Mr. John S. Sargent sends SAV: color. It is merely a piece of brayura portrait of a man sitting in a and we turn with relief to Mr. Arthur

Through the generosity of a few friends of the Metropolitan Museum ning Jan. 4. The orchestra will con-'meant" portrait of his brother Jules from the best orchestras in the city character that distinguished the mu seum's receptions in former years The concerts will be free, without The level run of Mrs. Sherwood's tickets of admission, and on each opened to the public.

The third annual exhibition of the Brooklyn Society of Etchers will be opened in the Print Galleries of the Brooklyn Museum on Tuesday, December 10. There will be a first view, with tea on Monday, the day prethe Brooklyn Society and their guests. The exhibition will continue about such people in art. Who can until January 8 inclusive. One hundred and fifty-two exhibits will be shown by forty-eight artists. Among these lacks soul just because she happens etchings as a guest of the society, and, to wear a Redfern frock, or that a as usual in previous exhibitions, there are many contributions by non-mem

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"Third—A declaration to the effect public Lectures To-Night, looked on life. Like Mrs. Sherwood, other railroad in the country." ENGLISH-FRENCH-ITALIAN ney stated, "if the board had acted ecutive director of the American Jew-ANTIQUES favorably at the Friday meeting. The ish Relief Committee, and the Rev. Dr. other railroad in the country." country stand opposed to any policy MANHATTAN. delay at the instance of the Comp. S. S. Margolies, who will open the of exploitation. exploitation.

Fourth A declaration endorsing Washington Irving High School, 49 Irving the mothers occupied. That they were a principle of service as basic to a place, at 2:30 P. M. she did not ask what station in life CHRISTMAS GIFTS JAMES O'NEILL INJURED. It is also expected that Nathan Straus will make an address and there the principle of service as basic to a BRONX. Veteran Actor, Hit by Automobile proper international relationship." Organ recital by Wentel A. Raboch, as-sisted by Miss Florence M. Leary and Joseph H. Derowski, Murris High School, 158th street and Bosto road, at 2:20 F.M.

Was Sharpened's water colors are the The committee ends its report with will be speakers representing the on Brondway, Will Recover. Last Summer a suggestion that the Chamber of Central and the People's Relief com-Dec. 6th to 28th

Red Cross Flag for Members.

the "service flag" of the Red Cross, written for the possible hundred of

which has been designed especially to youngsters among whom there are al